

4/28/15 Update on Sirenusa Condo Methyl Bromide Release, Cruz Bay, St. John

On 4/27/15 an EPA OSC, ERT, and contractor support re-mobed to St. John to continue clearing activities in “J” Lower. The work will involve ventilation on the unit with high velocity fans and the use of carbon absorption units. It is expected that these activities will continue until 4/30 when the next round of 24-hour Summa canister samples will be taken. These samples will be used to assist decision makes to clear the units for re-occupancy.

The REOC continues working with EPA Pesticides and Toxic Substances Branch to evaluate options for management of existing stocks of the fumigant. Stocks of Methyl Bromide have been identified at facilities on St. Thomas and St. Croix, consisting of one cylinder at each of two facilities. REOC has been in contact with the distributors of the cylinders on St. Croix and St. Thomas and is arranging transportation off island, in coordination with CID and DOJ. It is expected that both cylinders will shipped back to their respective places of origin this week. REOC has also been coordinating with ATSDR regarding clearance values for re-occupancy, and for responding to e-mail and telephone inquiries.

Resources On-Site: 1 OSC, 1 ERT, 1 RST contractor, 2 SERAS contractors

R2 REOC remains the point of contact for all EPA’s activities related to this incident.

EPA is still working cooperatively with DPNR, EPA CID, DOJ, ATSDR, USVI DOH and the condo complex management company.